

INDIANA STATE BOARD OF ANIMAL HEALTH

Veterinary Student Intern

Incumbent works for the State Board of Animal Health performing veterinary work in the enforcement of the state's animal disease control, food safety or biosecurity programs. Incumbent's duties will involve performing veterinary medicine and animal health tasks under the supervision of a BOAH veterinarian.

I. DUTIES

Performs a variety of inspections on animals for diseases and pests to insure that the livestock and/or animal meet State and Federal animal health or exhibition standards.

Performs other regulatory inspections related to animal health, food safety, and biosecurity.

Orders the rejection of animals presented for exhibition at fairs, shows and exhibitions that are not in compliance with State and Federal animal health or exhibition standards.

Under the supervision of a BOAH veterinarian collects samples from livestock and other animals and prepares specimens for shipment and laboratory testing.

Maintains and submits a variety of records and reports on all phases of activities.

Conducts investigations with local and state authorities on suspect cases of animal disease or welfare as directed by the State Veterinarian.

Performs other food safety and homeland security tasks.

Maintains the security and up keep of all state and federal equipment used in the accomplishment of daily activities.

Other duties as assigned.

II. KNOWLEDGE REQUIRED BY THE POSITION

General knowledge of the principles and practices of veterinary medicine as acquired through a regular course of study as a 1st or 2nd year student in an accredited Doctor of Veterinary Medicine program.

Ability to identify selected animal normal and abnormal conditions based upon physical examination as learned through a regular course of study as a 1st or 2nd year student in an accredited Doctor of Veterinary Medicine program.

Ability to learn and perform tissue/serum sample collections.

General knowledge of pertinent Federal and State laws and regulations.

General knowledge of animal husbandry and animal industry practices in the state.

Ability to secure compliance with laws and regulations firmly, tactfully, and impartially.

Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with associates, farmers and livestock

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operators, local, state and federal government representatives, and the general public.

Ability to communicate tactfully and firmly with a variety of different people encountered on the job in an effective manner.

Ability to use current technology in the performance of the assigned duties including laptop computers, digital cameras, GPS devices, etc.

Possess a current motor vehicle operator's license.

Must be enrolled in and in good standing in an accredited program leading to a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree.

III. DIFFICULTY OF WORK

Assignments involve a variety of problems in the field of animal inspection. Many animal inspections follow standardized procedures to identify animal diseases. Judgment, however, is exercised in determining if the health of animals complies with acceptable standards. Incumbent exercises judgment in applying Federal and State guidelines and regulations. Incumbent makes decisions regarding the clinical presentation of disease in animals. Incumbent makes recommendations or has final authority for the animal inspections, and for rejecting for exhibition of diseased, suspect or exposed animals. Incumbent carries out assignments under the general supervision of the Board of Animal Health to insure that the programmatic goals and policies of the agency are accomplished. Incumbent may refer a problem to a BOAH veterinarian. Assignments may be in either an office or formal laboratory setting or in a field setting, e.g. exhibition, farm, food plant, etc. Overtime is necessary as required. Instate travel may necessitate overnight stays away from home.

IV. PERSONAL WORK RELATIONSHIPS

Incumbent must work tactfully with veterinarians, local, state and federal regulatory personnel, animal health specialists, animal owners, managers, agents, dealers, and the public in order to obtain their cooperation. These contacts are regular and recurring and require cooperative problem solving abilities in working to identify animal diseases and in working with the public to maintain the health of companion animals and Indiana farm animals.

V. SPAN OF CONTROL

Incumbent may direct the efforts of animal owners and laborers assisting with the control of animals presented for inspection.